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Renovations, new exhibits in the works at Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center



Staff members are working hard to renovate existing exhibits and create new exhibits at the Cultural Heritage Center.

The “Veteran’s Wall of Honor” in the Long Room will be removed so that staff can repair damage caused by a snow storm and an earthquake in 2011. The renovation will include some structural repairs, fresh paint and additional exhibits.

“We’ll be adding some regalia from the pre-contact warrior society and changing the exhibit to follow a chronological timeline from pre-contact to current,” said Kelli Mosteller, director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center.

The staff has moved the “Seven Fires” exhibit to allow for

360 degree accessibility and additional details. The “Seven Fires” exhibit represents the Seven Fires Prophecy and is part of the Citizen Potawatomi oral culture.

“Previously the “Seven Fires” exhibit was in the corner and not accessible; we’ve moved it to allow people 360 degree access and to better represent an important part of our oral history,” said Mosteller.

The Prophecy describes a turbulent time in Potawatomi history when the tribe was visited by seven prophets. The prophecy has helped the Potawatomi people understand who they were in the past, are in the present and will be in the future.

A new exhibit will be added to display and discuss the

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation has \$506 million economic impact

Report finds Oklahoma tribes have \$10.8 billion impact to the state

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a \$506 million economic impact in the State of Oklahoma. This includes \$64 million in wages and benefits which directly supports nearly 2,000 jobs and purchases contributing to a \$370 million impact on the local economy.

“Our growth and development is good for us, our tribal citizens and the state of Oklahoma,” said John Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “The services we provide ease the burden on the state, provide jobs in our

communities and create economic opportunities.”

A recent study conducted by Oklahoma City University’s Steven C. Agee Economic and Policy Institute found that Oklahoma tribes have a combined \$10.8 billion impact to the state.

“Tribes’ economic activities positively impact the entire state of Oklahoma and serve as a vital source of income and opportunity to residents in the rural areas of the state,” said Kyle Dean, Ph.D, associatedirectorandresearch economist at the Oklahoma City University Meinders

School of Business.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is among the 38 federally recognized tribes within Oklahoma whose jurisdictions cover three-fourths of the state and whose tribal citizens make up 13 percent of the Oklahoma population.

According to the report, Oklahoma tribal activity accounts for 87,174 full-time jobs, \$2.5 billion in state income and \$10.8 billion in state production of goods and services. Many of the goods and services produced by tribes are based in rural areas, providing jobs and services for rural Oklahomans and tribal citizens.

Oklahoma’s Secretary of Commerce, Dave Lopez, said, “Oklahoma’s tribes provide economic opportunities and growth to many Oklahomans -- particularly in rural areas of the state. The study also notes the value of essential education, health, social and economic development services the tribes provide directly to their respective citizens.”

In 2011, Citizen Potawatomi Nation clinics had more than 62,000 patient visits, filled more than 153,000 prescriptions, served more than 14,000 meals to the elderly, served nearly 3,000 families through Indian Child Welfare and provided 3,100 scholarships.



CPN is the largest employer in Shawnee with nearly three times the number of employees as any other employer in the area.



CPN health clinics had more than 62,000 patient visits in 2011



CPN built this community center, used for senior services and community events, in Rossville

Citizen Potawatomi Nation awarded two Department of Justice Grants

*Grants awarded to enhance and support
tribal justice and safety*

Citizen Potawatomi Nation will receive more than \$1.4 million in grants from the Department of Justice.

“These grant funds are critical to the success of our programs, the strength of our tribe and the communities around us,” said John Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “This will allow us to continue to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and allow us to add services to help citizens with legal counsel. We are very thankful to the Department of Justice for their partnership.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation House of Hope and FireLodge Youth and Family Services were awarded \$898,472 by the Office of Violence Against Women.

House of Hope will use the funds to continue ongoing case management staffing and provide assistance for services requested by Native Americans who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The program provides legal and counseling assistance and a variety of post-emergency shelter services so that victims can gain independence from their abusers.

The Tribal Court was awarded \$571,522 by the Office of Justice Programs-Bureau of

Justice Assistance.

The Tribal Court will use the funds to fulfill the increasing requests made by victims of crime, tribal members and CPN employees. The program will provide legal assistance to tribal members at large, assist with representation in Indian Child Welfare cases and provide legal representation for domestic violence victims in tribal and state court.

“The additional resources will help us increase our victim advocacy and improve our tribal court,” said Linda Capps, Vice Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “These programs and services benefit the community as a whole by building stronger families and contributing to a safer community.”

The Department of Justice awarded 286 grants totaling \$245 million to tribal governments in 2011 and 2012. The grants will provide more than \$101 million to enhance law enforcement practices, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts in ten purpose areas including public safety and community policing; justice systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; violence against women; elder abuse; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs.

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First National Bank & Trust Co. opened new Firelake Branch



Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials, First National Bank employees and Shawnee Chamber of Commerce representatives celebrate the opening of a new FNB branch.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps and President and CEO of First National Bank Larry Briggs receive a plaque from the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce

First National Bank & Trust Co. recently celebrated the addition of the bank's new FireLake location with an open house and Shawnee Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. The new location located at 1545 South Gordon Cooper Drive across from FireLake Grocery officially opened Monday, September 24, 2012.

"We are very pleased to offer the communities we serve a new free-standing location with more space to accommodate our customers," stated Larry Briggs, president and CEO of First National Bank & Trust Co. "We will also be enhancing the services we offer and integrating staff members from our MacArthur location to the FireLake branch in order to make this a smooth transition and ensure customer service at the highest level."

The FireLake location includes a large customer service area inside the bank, three drive-thru lanes and an outdoor

ATM. The FireLake bank lobby is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday while the drive-thru will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jennifer Harrington serves as the Retail Branch Supervisor for both the MacArthur and FireLake locations. Harrington has been with FNB more than five years, serving as the bank's compliance officer for the past three. Joining her is new accounts representative Linda Brown as well as head teller Michell Reeves, and tellers Christina Lowe and Joeleen Washburn.

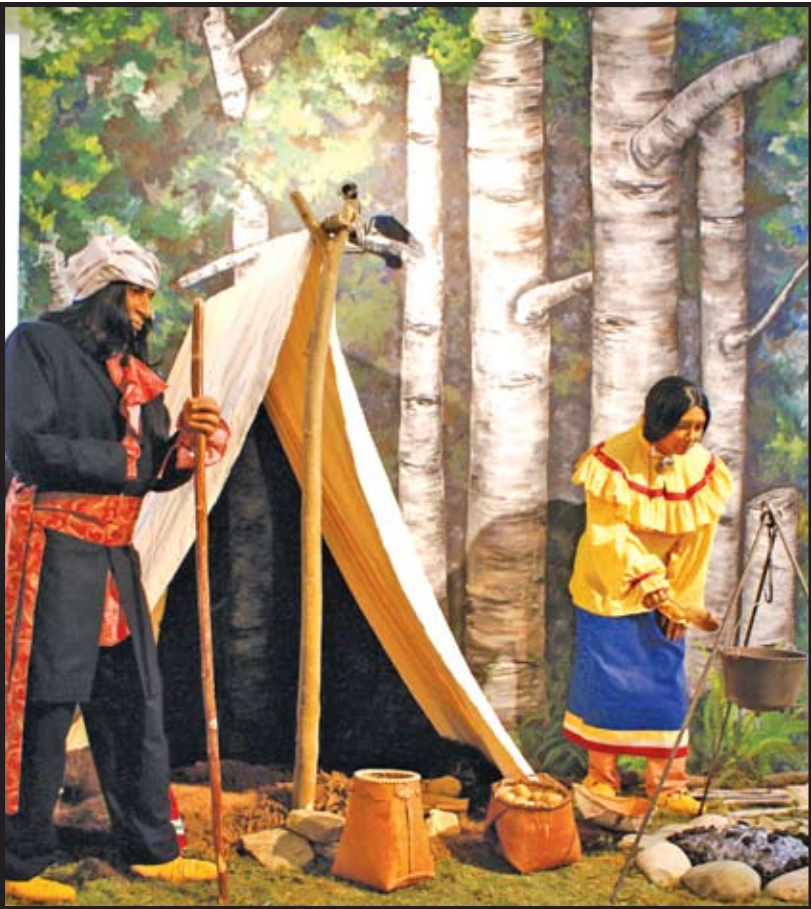
"We hope the residents of Pottawatomie County will find our new location to be of even greater service," added Briggs. "Our desire is to make banking with us even more convenient and to ensure those who choose FNB as their bank will have an experience that combines the best customer care with banking excellence."



First National Bank opened a new location at 1545 South Gordon Cooper in Shawnee.



Cultural Heritage Center exhibits



Cultural Heritage Center exhibits

Declaration of candidacy forms for 2013 election must be submitted by January 9, 2013

On Saturday, June 29, 2013, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will elect a Chairman and four members of the Citizen Potawatomi legislature. Representatives for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be elected to serve a term through June 2017. Candidates for the Chairmanship must live in Oklahoma and candidates for the legislative seats must live within their respective districts.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who would like to be considered for these positions must have their declarations of candidacy returned to the Election Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. These declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service. Declaration of Candidacy forms for the legislative positions can be downloaded from www.Potawatomi.org.

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Potawatomi's extensive relationship to water, wild rice, canoe making and fishing. Staff is currently working on a canoe and fish baskets made from birch wood.

"There are several museums that have objects and artifacts related to an era of our history in which a marine culture dominated," said Mosteller. "We're hoping that this exhibit will allow us the space to receive some of those items on loan."

These exhibits and others are on display at the Cultural Heritage Center Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Museum admission is free and open to the public. For more information you can visit the Cultural Heritage Center website at www.potawatomiheritage.org

Citizen Potawatomi Veterans

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact **Herb Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com.**

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Bozho Jayek
(Hello everyone)

Mno gishget Jesus ga nigit mine mno weponget

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

As we come into the winter months we tend to slow down a little in the language department, by the time this paper comes out we will have shut down our beginner on site classes for the holidays.

We will be singing Christmas carols in Potawatomi again, for the third year, this year on Dec. 10 and 11th. We will be singing to the elders living at Father Murphy, the elders in Tecumseh, and also the family units on 13th street. Christmas caroling in general has become a thing of the past, so it is always a real treat to not only go out and sing to folks but also for them to hear these songs in the Potawatomi language.

For those of you who would like some Christmas songs you can listen to in Potawatomi visit www.potawatomiheritage.org. On the front page of the Heritage Center website you can find six popular Christmas songs translated into Potawatomi with an accompanying audio file. You can download the audio and burn a CD if you like that way you can also have songs in Potawatomi for your family gathering.

For those of you interested in taking some classes in your language, we will be starting a new 16 week Beginner Potawatomi language class. This class will begin on February 4th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center. There is no cost and all ages are welcome. We encourage you to take this opportunity to strengthen your bond with the tribe. It is a good feeling to be able to express oneself in our language. Also, with learning the language, you will no doubt learn so much about the culture as well. Let us know you are going to attend so we can plan accordingly.

We also have an intermediate class from 3:30-4:30 p.m. being taught on Thursdays by Justin at the Cultural Heritage Center. This class is geared to do more conversational talking and really focuses on developing an ear for the language as well as speaking the language. All are welcome to attend and this class is also free.

We also have a 10 week Beginner class being taught online by Sam Navarre. If you would like to join those classes send Sam an email at snavarre@potawatomi.org. Current times are Tuesday's from noon to 1:00 p.m. central time and Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. central time. We are hopeful with these various time slots it will make it possible for anyone with an interest to participate. To join the noon to 1:00 p.m. class go to www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi3 a few minutes before noon. To join the evening class goes to www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi4 a few minutes before 7:00 p.m. Remember, these classes are all central time. Migwetch to Sam for making this new evening class available to folks anywhere in the country.

Also being offered online is an intermediate class on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Please contact me at jneely@potawatomi.org for more information.

Randy Schlactun is doing some great work with the kids in the daycare. We have upped the number of days that we teach language with the kids from 3 to 5 days a week. He is currently getting the kids ready for our annual Christmas Program which is on December 21st at 10:00 am at the Cultural Heritage Center. Immediately following that Mr. Schlactun will be working with the kids on a play we have developed of the traditional story Turtle goes to war. A video will be made which will be entered in this year's Oklahoma Native Language Fair hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

Please be sure to check out all of the language resources we have made available on the website at www.potawatomiheritage.org. There are manuals, cards, videos of classes, a dictionary and stories all in the Potawatomi language. We are currently working on expanding the dictionary from about 5,500 words to 9,000 words.

This February we will be doing another winter story telling session. There are a number of traditional stories which are only supposed to be shared in the winter. Such as ones which talk about Wiske or Nanabozho the trickster. Look to see a number of these in the upcoming issues. We will have an evening where we tell a number of these stories and will pass out copies to those in attendance. We will also have refreshments so plan to attend this year's winter story telling event.

We hope to see you take advantage of the many language learning opportunities we have available.

Migwetch (Thanks)

Bama mine ngoji (See you again somewhere)

Justin Neely

Director of the Language Department

Winter Words

- Gishget Jesus ga nigit- Christmas
- Mno gishget Jesus ga nigit- Merry Christmas
- Mine mno weponget- and happy new year.
- Mingoswen- gift
- mingoswnen- gifts
- Bonimget- its snowing
- Mkomis mget- Its icy/ hailing
- Ksenyamget- Its cold.
- Kyetnam ksenyamget- Its really cold.
- Gon nene- snow man
- Bbon- winter
- Waboyan- blanket
- Gokmedas- stocking
- Zhoshkwamget- its slick
- Azheni- angel
- Gon azheni- snow angel
- Bistabyan- sled
- Gon gbedi- snow pants
- Gon pkwakwet- snowball

Wegni je wa gishpnedoyen gdani? What are you going to buy your daughter?

Shke biskowagen mine mkeznen nwi-gishpnedonen. I am going to buy her a new jacket and shoes.

Mno gishget Jesus ga nigit mine mno weponget- Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Nasena zhoshkwamget zagech. Be careful its slick outside.

Gego pegdoken I gon pkwakwet. Don't throw that snow ball.

Gbistabyankemen- Lets go sleiding.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women's Hand Drum group performed at a ceremony marking the Sainthood of Kateri Tekakwitha.

Citizen Potawatomi Woman's Hand Drum Group Celebrates Kateri Tekakwitha's Sainthood

Nine individuals from Dewegen Kwek, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women's Hand Drum Group, participated in a special ceremony to mark the Sainthood of Kateri Tekakwitha at St. Gregory's University.

The women sang a variety of water and healing songs to honor Kateri's life as a devout Native woman and a healer.

Kateri, known as "Lily of the Mohawks," was born in 1656 in the Mohawk Valley of present-day New York. Both of her parents were killed and Kateri was severely scarred when her village was hit by a smallpox epidemic. Smallpox also left Kateri with poor eyesight, earning her the name Tekakwitha, which means “she who bumps into things.”

Kateri was baptized and committed her life to the faith at the age of twenty. After a short but fervent life dedicated to prayer and caring for the sick and the aged, Kateri died at age twenty four.

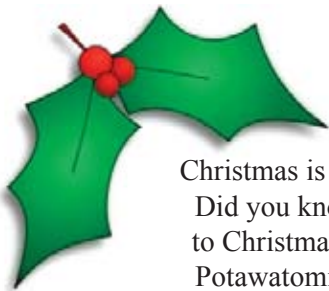
Pope Benedict XVI named Kateri a saint on Oct. 21, 2012. Speaking in English and French, in honor of Kateri's Canadian ties, Benedict noted how unusual it was in Kateri's indigenous

culture for her to choose to devote herself to her Catholic faith.

"May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who

we are," Benedict said. "Saint Kateri, protectress of Canada and the first Native American saint, we entrust you to the renewal of the faith in the first nations and in all of North America!"

Christmas is just around the corner!



Christmas is just around the corner! Did you know that you can listen to Christmas songs on the Citizen Potawatomi website? Visit www.potawatomiheritage.org to see lyrics and listen to your favorite Christmas classics.

Christmas lyrics:
Silent Night:
Dok-Pkonyak, gechitwa-pkonyak
Silent night, holy night
Dok-mezewen, Wase-yawen
All is calm, all is bright
Jig seski wgi- ye— je nijanes
Round yon Virgin, mother and child
Gechitwa bi-bis –mno zhewebze
Holy infant so tender and mild
Mbe-wak dokmezewen
Sleep in heavenly peace
Mbe-wak dokmezewen
Sleep in heavenly peace
Dok-Pkonyak, gechitwa-pkonyak
Silent night, holy night
Gzhewendagwesegok wakwik
Glories stream from heaven above
Azhenik ngemowat teya
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Cho wanikasot nigit
Christ the savior is born
Cho wanikasot nigit
Christ the savior is born



Let it Snow:
Oh zagech kyetnam myanek
Oh the weather outside is frightful
Nesh je shkode se wenek
But the fire is so delightful
Cho nwi-zhyasimen ngoji (fast)
And since we've no place to go
Wi bonimget, wi bonimget, wi bonimget
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow
Cho bwa zhewebek bonya mget
It doesn't show signs of stopping
Byedon wa mdamenkeyak
And I've brought some corn for popping
Atek wa waskonenje mget
The lights are turned way down low
Wi bonimget, wi bonimget, wi bonimget
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow
Gek pi jeme goyak dbe kek
When we finally kiss goodnight
Niska det nzhiigenzag-jese
How I'll hate going out in the storm
Nesh je wishk-yakwne-goyan
But if you really hold me tight
Jak she ngezhogiwe
All the way home I'll be warm
Shkode wi atek (slow)
The fire is slowly dying
Mine megwa ekedyak bama pi
And, my dear we're still good-byeing
Nesh je megwa debanegoyan
But as long as you love me so
Wi bonimget, wi bonimget, wi bonimget
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow



Gon nene

Citizen Potawatomi artist Woody Crumbo featured in exhibit at Oklahoma History Center

"Half of my life passed in striving to complete the pictorial record of Indian history." -Woody Crumbo



Woody Crumbo is holding an art catalogue that featured two of his pieces including *Peyote Ceremony* and *Night Hawk Rider*. Looking on to the right of Woody is his daughter, Minisa Crumbo Halsey.

More than one century ago one of the most iconic and revered American Indian artists was born on a reservation allotment near Lexington, Okla. By the age of seven, that boy would be orphaned and taken in to be raised by a Creek family.

his life and talent to the portrayal of American Indian thought and culture. Despite the changes in the last 100 years, Crumbo's work is still an important and beautiful portrayal of Native American culture.

A Citizen Potawatomi Nation Member, Woody Crumbo, would dedicate

His art is being featured in a special exhibit, "Crumbo Spirit Talk" at

the Oklahoma History Center through the end of May 2013.

As a teen, Crumbo attended Chilocco Indian Boarding School, where he became friends with the Kiowa Five. Crumbo also studied at the American Indian Institute and Wichita University. Crumbo was a flautist, dancer, silversmith, muralist and painter.

Crumbo's career spanned nearly 60 years and included major advancements in oil, silkscreen, tempera, pencil and watercolor. His work is in numerous museums and private collections around the world, including that of the Queen of England.

It was Crumbo's mission to share his art with the world and bring Native American art to a wide audience.

"Crumbo wanted his art in the public so that he could help educate non-natives about the culture of Native Americans," said Tara Damron, assistant curator of American Indian collections at the Oklahoma History Center. "He deliberately priced his work low so that people could afford Native American art."

Crumbo's legacy was realized in the continuing artwork of his daughter, Minisa Crumbo Halsey, and son, Woody Max Crumbo. Minisa Crumbo Halsey is a talented artist whose work has been shown throughout Europe and the Russian Federation. This exhibit will feature a retrospective of her work from the 1970s and 1980s. Woody Max Crumbo is a gifted silversmith, and there will be several pieces he created featured in the show, including a concho belt and gorget necklace. The legacy of Woody Crumbo's art continues to have an impact on current and future generations.

The exhibit is located in the E. K. & Thelma Gaylord Special Exhibits Gallery on the first floor of the Oklahoma History Center. The museum is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is seven dollars for adults.



Black Owl, offset lithograph by Woody Crumbo. Courtesy Crumbo Family Archive



Man on Horse, silkscreen by Woody Crumbo. Courtesy Crumbo Family Archive



Peyote Water Drum, oil by Minisa Crumbo Halsey. Courtesy Crumbo Family Archive



Spirit Horse, serigraph by Woody Crumbo. Courtesy Crumbo Family Archive



Spirit Talk, serigraph by Woody Crumbo. Courtesy Crumbo Family Archive



The Chief Speaks, by Woody Crumbo. Courtesy Crumbo Family Archive

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member helping tribes with emergency management services

Margaret Muhr is a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member enrolled in the Naval Postgraduate School’s Center for Homeland Defense and Security program. Although Muhr is the first tribal member enrolled in the program to work for a tribe, she is no stranger to emergency management. Muhr has built a Tribal Emergency Management program for the Agua Caliente band of Cahuilla Indians from the ground up.

Muhr began with the Agua Caliente in January 2006 as an administrative coordinator for the planning & development department. After she completed

undergraduate coursework at the University of Phoenix San Bernardino she was promoted to Administrative Manager. In 2008 she took on the responsibility of National Incident Management System compliance for the Agua Caliente and quickly gained an interest in emergency preparedness. In 2011 she enrolled in the Naval Postgraduate School to attend the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

The emergency service and risk management department was created and she was promoted to emergency services manager. As emergency services manager for

the Agua Caliente she is focused primarily on preparation for, responding to, and recovering from a manmade or natural disaster.

“Every aspect of emergency management is a challenge for tribes,” said Muhr. “Education, training, and the ability to meet compliance measures are the biggest challenges we face currently.”

Many times tribal governments act as first responders to disaster situations in rural communities and need the same kinds of training, infrastructure and resources as state and national agencies. However, tribal governments aren’t often brought to the table for discussion on how respond to these events, leaving many tribes and rural communities unprepared.

“Disasters know no boundaries, a catastrophic event does not care about jurisdictional lines and in moving forward we all need to work as such,” said Muhr. “It is crucial that we are all on par both in knowledge and capability as a nation and that these efforts continue. All jurisdictions have to communicate and coordinate before a disaster.”

Recently, Muhr was responsible for creating a mobile emergency operations center. The EOC has a state of the art dispatch system, so the tribe can communicate with other law enforcement agencies, five computer terminals—complete with the latest GIS, or mapping software, a satellite system that provides internet and phone service regardless of location, and a dedicated area for tribal government officials.

“The EOC can not only function as an incident command post during search and rescue situations, but also as the center of operations during larger, more serious incidents like catastrophic fire

or earthquake events that could interrupt business and government functionality.”

Muhr believes that emergency management services work best when tribal and local governments work together. The EOC is meant to help the tribe with response to emergency situations, but also allow for the collaboration between the tribe and local governments.

“We can’t change the past but we can surely define the future for tribes and emergency management services,” said Muhr. “The success of partnership between the state and local governments and tribes depends on the respect and understanding one has for the other.”



Margaret Muhr with Palm Springs Police Chief Alberto Franz



Margaret Muhr



Two of the five computer stations in the new Emergency Operations Center

FireLodge Tribal Youth Program targeting bullying with community awareness campaign

Citizen Potawatomi Nation FireLodge Tribal Youth Program launched a community awareness campaign to address bullying among youth in October.

The campaign consisted of a special showing of the movie “Bully” and community outreach through presentations to parents, students and teachers.

“The events provided a great opportunity for parents and their children to make time for a real heartfelt discussion about how their students view the issue of bullying and its effects on their community,” said B.J. Trousdale, program coordinator, FireLodge Tribal Youth Program. “While the majority of kids are neither victims nor instigators of bullying attacks, research does show

that a very high percentage of them are bystanders to the act of bullying. We want to help equip those young people and the adults in their life to stand up and stop standing by.”

“Bully” is a 2011 documentary of bullying in U.S. schools and follows the lives of students, including three students with strong ties to Oklahoma, bullied on a regular basis.

Anti-bullying presentations were hosted and included stops at several area schools. “Bully-Proof Your Kid” was presented by Keith Deltano at the Shawnee Public Library and was meant to equip parents with the tools necessary to help their children through the trials of bullying.

Keith Deltano is a recipient of the National Impact Award for his work in

parent education. Deltano has worked with youth and families in various roles, including as a military police officer, public school teacher, youth leader and private counselor.

FireLodge Tribal Youth program offers juveniles age 12 to 17 prevention services with a focus on suicide prevention, substance abuse programs, life skills, and school success. All programs are voluntary and services provided include a tribal youth council, in-school prevention programs, an afterschool program and summer camps, as well as referrals to additional community resources. Parenting education classes for parents of adolescents are also offered. For more information on how to enroll, please contact Michael Logan at 405-598-0797.



Keith Deltano is the recipient of the National Impact Award for his work with anti-bullying programs

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Jobs are available in across all tribal enterprises



Job seekers filled out applications and interviewed with hiring managers at a recent job fair.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is always looking for ambitious job seekers to fill multiple jobs open with the tribe. Current job openings include gaming facilities, grocery stores and tribal administration.

“We are always looking for bright and motivated people to fill positions across all enterprises,” said Kelley Francen, human resources training manager, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “Our jobs have competitive pay, great benefits and opportunities for advancement.”

Recently, human resources held a job fair. More than 200 job seekers browsed open positions, completed applications forms, spoke with recruiters and interviewed on the spot.

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CPN Veterans Report

Bozho!
There is a growing interest throughout the country these days in remembering our Armed Forces’ men and women, both past and present, and the debt we owe them. However, an important part of the remembering process is the identifying of these special patriots. Before you can remember them, you have to know who they are.

In the time of the ancient Greeks, if a soldier performed great deeds, it was believed that his or her name would be remembered forever. They are remembered, even today, in stories and action movies. They *will* be remembered until the end of time.

Today soldiers, men and women, are remembered through government records and special days of recognition when our nation as a whole says THANKS to all who made the sacrifices that helped, and is still helping, make America great. But it has taken a long time to recognize that there was even a need. The American Civil War helped to bring this about.

The first step is identifying and recording. During the American Civil War some soldiers, not all, pinned paper notes to their uniforms with their name and home address. Not all, because not everyone could read and write. Manufacturers saw a market for identification badges and began to produce and sell them. The mass casualties resulting from the intense battles caused the government to realize the responsibility it owed to its soldiers and veterans.


So, in 1906, notice it wasn’t right away, the U.S. Army established identification tags, made of aluminum, the size of a half dollar. Then in 1916 they changed the regulations and began issuing two tags per soldier: one to stay with the body and the other to be used for record-keeping. They went a step farther in 1918 and adopted a serial number system to help keep track. Then starting in 1969 they started just using the Social Security Number. This number and tag system became known as “Dog Tags” and simplified the identification of Soldiers and Veterans. Migwetch, Veterans and Active Military Personnel! For more information about the CPN Veterans Organization and how to become a member check out our website at: www.cpnveterans.com.

Daryl Talbot
Vice Commander

Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted free family fun day Oct. 27

Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted a family fun day Oct. 27 at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Festival Grounds inside the north and south reunion halls.

Activities included cupcake decorating, arts and crafts, face painting, an inflatable ball pit and entertainment from Sillysocks the Clown. Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal police created digital ID kits for children and Safe Kids Oklahoma installed and checked child safety seats.



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KGFF Inaugurates News Department

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation-owned KGFF-AM (1450) radio has inaugurated a local news department. “We will bring our listeners the latest about what’s happening in and around Shawnee at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., Noon, and 5:00 p.m.,” said Mike Askins, KGFF station manager.

Michael Dodson, the Nation’s Public Information Director for the previous 10 years and from September 1997 until April 2000, has moved from that position to the KGFF news director position. “I’m very pleased to be able to call on my 25 years of experience in radio, TV, and print reporting again,” Dodson said. “I have wanted to explore radio reporting again, using the modern digital tools that were mere dreams when I left the field in 1995.”

On his final day as a radio news reporter in the first half of his career –April 19, 1995- Dodson covered the Oklahoma City Murrah Building bombing for Associated Press Radio. “Making my way around downtown Oklahoman City that day, talking to victims, rescuers, and government officials, was an extremely affecting experience. I lived moments that will be with me forever.”

Dodson was on the scene of and reported on many significant Oklahoma events from the beginning of his radio news career at KSEO-AM&FM in Durant in April 1974. He covered the Karen Silkwood trial in Oklahoma City federal court, travelled to northeast Oklahoma in 1977 to cover the search for the suspect in the Camp Scott Girl Scout murders. In early 1979, he got the first word out of the Mayes County courthouse that Gene Leroy Hart had been acquitted of three murder charges in that case.

He has covered several sessions of the Oklahoma legislature and local governments across Oklahoma and in Texas. Dodson’s radio/TV/print news reporting career has taken him to Durant, Ardmore, Weatherford, Clinton, Bixby, and Oklahoma City in Oklahoma and to Wichita Falls, Conroe, and Marshall in Texas.

KGFF News will report on important and interesting events and occurrences in Pottawatomie County and what happens to and what Pottawatomie Countians do anywhere in the world. Dodson invited the public to suggest story ideas and provide news tips by calling him at 405-275-3121 or 405-273-2262 or by e-mailing the information to MDodson@Potawatomi.org.

Important Phone Numbers

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Realty---405-395-0113

Tag Office---405-878-4831

Tribal Rolls---405-878-5835

Enterprises

Firelake Bowling—405-275-0404

Firelake Designs---405-878-87708 or 1-877-247-2745

Firelake Discount Foods—405-878-4850

Firelake Entertainment Center---405-273-2242

Firelake Golf—405-275-4471

First National Bank—405-275-8830

Gift Shop—405-275-3119

Cultural Heritage Center—405-878-5830

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Member Doyle Thompson reconized at the 4th annual AARP Indian Elders Honors



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Member Doyle Thompson was among more than 45 Indian elders from 35 Oklahoma tribes and nations recognized at the 4th Annual AARP Indian Elder Honors held recently in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Thompson was lauded for his volunteer work in the Harrah area. He is a direct descendant of Pete Anderson and is active in the Title VI Senior Center in McLoud. A U.S. Army Veteran, Mr. Thompson served in the First Armed Rifle Battalion in the 84th Infantry, achieved the rank of Special Fourth Class and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Tribal officials, friends and family members converged on the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum along with AARP state, regional and national officials to recognize language preservationists,

artists, dancers, ministers, authors, patriarchs and matriarchs that have impacted their tribes, communities and state.

Among honorees recognized at the event was one of the few remaining Oklahoma Indians who speaks only her native language, a world-champion fancy dancer, the last surviving son of famed athlete Jim Thorpe and a noted artist who is 100 years old.

AARP National Board Member Joan Ruff, who delivered the keynote address, said, “We hope the partnerships we’ve established here will be the foundation to create partnerships between AARP and other Native American nations in other states.

But tonight our focus isn’t on AARP. It’s on you, the elders, and the contributions you’ve made to improve the

lives of people around you – in your own tribes, the greater tribal community, in the state of Oklahoma, our nation, and even around the world. Your lives are rich, living stories being passed on to the next generations.”

Ruff, along with AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge and Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn presented each honoree with a medallion.

“Once again, we have come together in the spirit of goodwill and harmony to celebrate the remarkable lives of Native American elders from across the state,” Lyons said. “Though they come from different backgrounds and cultures, we see in tonight’s honorees, the common bond they share – respect, dignity and service to their fellow man.”

Photo Attached: AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, National Board Member Joan Ruff, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge and AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons present Doyle Thompson with a medallion commemorating his selection as one of the 2012 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honorees.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation employee honored with Betsy Davis Smith award

Denise Smith, director of the Title IV program for Citizen Potawatomi Nation was awarded the Betsy Davis Smith award at the 27th Annual Oklahoma Minority Aging Conference. The award is given yearly by the Oklahoma Minority Task Force on Aging to a recipient who shows integrity and courage, possesses leadership abilities and is dedicated to serving the elderly.

In 1985 Betsy D. Smith coordinated the first conference dedicated to training state workers on how to better serve the minority elderly. Davis’ leadership and dedication was instrumental in developing this conference into a nationally recognized conference with keynote speakers from all national minority aging organizations, representatives from Federal agencies on aging and tribal leaders and aging experts throughout the state and region. Davis embraced Native American culture and allowed greater participation from the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging, creating a lasting impact on the programs for minority elderly in Oklahoma.

"To receive an award for a job you love to do is amazing. I appreciate other Title VI Directors and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) Directors who nominated me for this award," said Smith. "We all work very hard for our Elders; they become part of our families."

Denise Smith has worked with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation elders programs for more than two decades. During her career she has served on the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. As a N4A board member, Denise is one of two members who represent all of the Title VI Programs in the United States.

Currently, she oversees the Citizen Potawatomi Transit Program, Title VI Elders program and the Caregivers Respite Program.

Denise Smith was nominated by the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging.

The Oklahoma Task Force on Minority Aging presents the Oklahoma Minority Aging Conference. The task force purpose is to promote the effective delivery of services to minority elderly through advocacy and support. The task force was founded in 1983 when Betsy Davis Smith met with the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging and Aging Services Division to discuss the needs of minority elders in Oklahoma.

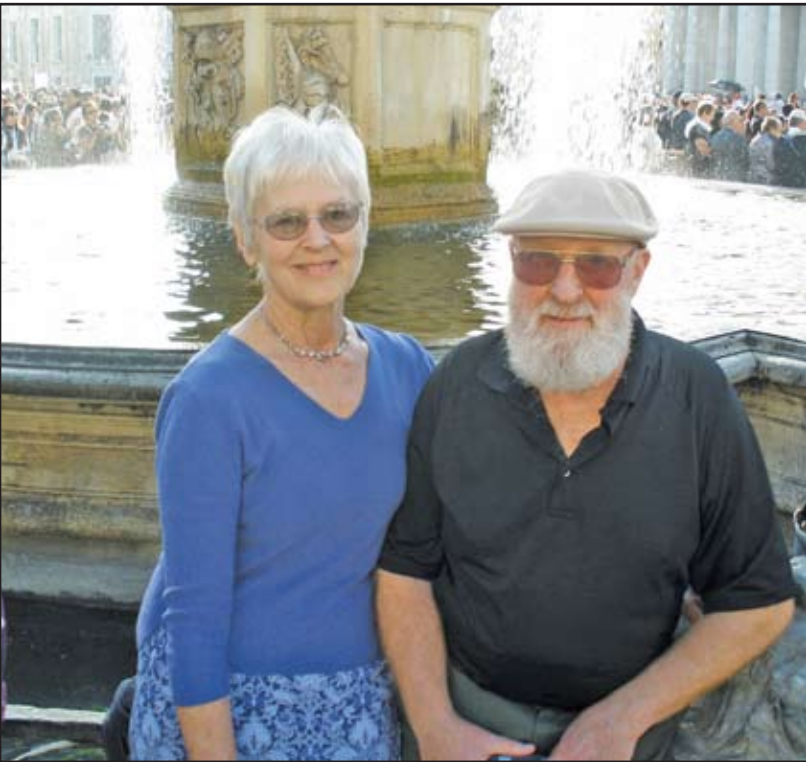
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Citizen Potawatomi Nation member attends Kateri canonization

Barbara Johnson and her husband Tim were among 56 other Alaskans to attend the Kateri canonization ceremony. Their group was joined by other family members from the states and members of Kateri Circles and prayer groups composed of Native Americans.

Barbara estimates that the ceremony, performed outside in St. Peter's Square, was attended by nearly 80,000 pilgrims.

“It was an awesome ceremony with much enthusiasm from the entire crowd,” Johnson said. “Our group enjoyed an audience with the Pope a few days prior to the canonization.”

Barbara and her group

visited the major basilicas in Rome (Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint Paul's Outside the Walls, Saint John Lateran and Saint Mary Major) plus the Vatican Museum. The Archbishop of Anchorage, Bishop of Fairbanks and priests from Nome, Fairbanks, Kaltag and Juneau were in her group.

They celebrated daily mass in major churches including the Catacombs, toured the major ancient ruins and many monuments from the middle ages.

“We spent an entire day in Assisi visiting the Basilicas of St. Francis, Saint Clare and Saint Mary of The Angels,” said Johnson. “One evening we went with all American pilgrims to a reception



given by the American Ambassador to the Vatican. It was a special affair in the gardens of the Vatican Museum.”

The Johnsons did not have seats on the day of the Canonization Mass, but found support (plus shade and a cool spray

) from one of the major fountains.

“The entire trip was spiritual, informative and very enjoyable; but since all that was compressed into one week, exhausting,” Johnson added.



Pumpkin Cheesecake

Crust

1 ¾ Cup Graham Cracker Crumbs

¼ Cup finely chopped Pecans

½ teaspoon Cinnamon

½ Cup Unsalted Butter- melted

Combine and press into pan

Filling

24 oz Cream Cheese- softened

1 ½ Cup Sugar

2 Tablespoons Cornstarch

1 teaspoon Vanilla

1 teaspoon Pumpkin Pie Spice

2 eggs

2 Egg Yolks

¼ Cup Heavy Cream

14 oz Pumpkin Pulp

In mixer combine first 4 ingredients. Beat until fluffy. Beat eggs and egg yolks into mixture. At low speed add cream and pumpkin until slightly folded. Add pumpkin pie spice. Pour into crust. Bake at 375 for 35-40 minutes until cooked in center.

North Texas Area Gathering



District #3 Legislator Robert Whistler and Chairman John Barrett.



Dale Morrow and Marj Hobdy have been friends for many years. Dale is a descendant of the Smith family. Marj's heritage family members are the Kadahts.



David Snell and his mother Rose Marie Snell both reside in Dallas, Texas.



Marcia and Jerry Bendo live in Plano, Texas. Marcia is a descendant of the Bertrand family.



Tiffany McMillan poses with her father Jeff Robinson. Tiffany is from Flower Mound, Texas and Jeff lives in Montgomery, Texas. They are descendants of the Ogee family.



Vicky and Bob Byler are from McKinney, Texas.



Kelly and Tim Jones live in Garland, Texas.



Mother and daughter Vivian and Michelle Murphy live in Richardson, Texas. They are descendants of the Wamego family.

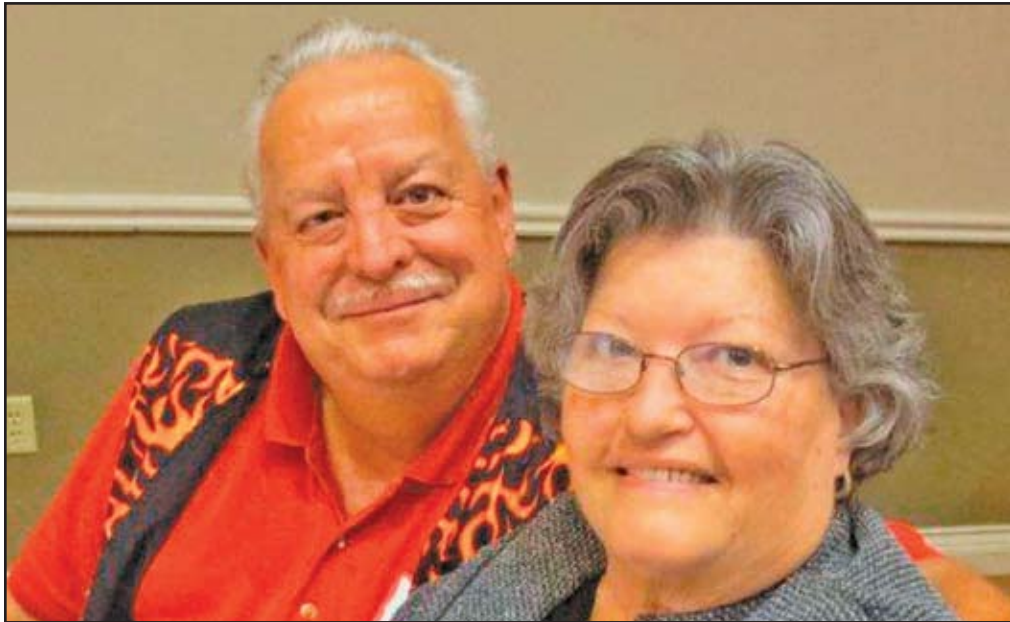
North Texas Area Gathering



Legislator Robert Whistler, Marj Hobdy, and Vice Chairman Linda Capps.



Dale Morrow is shown with her grandchildren, Amelia, Abigail, and Spencer. At 18 months old, Amelia is the youngest enrolled member present for the meeting. The Morrow family lives in Dallas, Texas. Photo 11cutline: Darlene and Ron Sale pose for a picture during the meeting.



Darlene and Ron Sale pose for a picture during the meeting.



Rosalie and Chuck Palmer formerly attended the meetings in Washington State. Now a resident of McKinney, Texas the Palmers attend meetings in Texas and Oklahoma. Rosalie is a proud descendant of the Neddeau family.



Jim Boggs, Marlyn Scott, Briana Warren, Robert Scott, and Sonja Medcalf. Jim, Briana, and Robert are members of the Ogee family. Jim is from Carrollton, Texas; Marlyn and Robert and granddaughter Briana are from Flower Mound, Texas; and Sonja is from Washington State.



Linda Whistler, Yvonne Barshaw, and Linda Ledyard. Linda Whistler is the wife of Legislator Robert Whistler; Yvonne is the mother of tribal member Ashley Barshaw, and tribal member Linda Ledyard is a descendant of the Darling family.



Susan, Sarah, and Mark Higgins are from Gainesville, Texas. Sarah and Mark are members of the Ogee family.



Chairman John Barrett presents a Pendleton bag to Ron Sale of Joshua, Texas for traveling the longest distance to the meeting. Ron is a descendant of the Bourassa family.



Legislator Robert Whistler, Marj Hobdy, and Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

District 1 - Roy Slavin



Bozho NIKAN

I have on occasion received e-mails from members of my district about the “Health Aid Foundation.” The questions range from who is eligible to what is available. First, to be eligible, applicant must be an enrolled Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member and be born by December 31, 1976. An application must be completed by the tribal member and accompanied by an itemized statement. Statement must be from a Doctor or business. What is available – Eye glasses (up to 2 pair), contacts, prescription sunglasses (1 pair), Partials, bridgework, mobile chair lifts and ramps for vehicles, cpap machines, crowns, prosthetic devices, hearing aids (1 per ear), wheel chairs, dentures and mobile chairs. Repairs- 1 per year, per device. Need for device must exist, must be prescribed by licensed health professional. Authorized expenditure limits: Expenditures shall not exceed 75% of the cost of the device(s) during the program year. No one individual may be authorized to collect more than \$750.00. If an applicant has insurance available for the prosthetic devices(s) health aid foundation will pay 75% of the remaining balance up to \$750.00 per year. The program year is January to December.

Other questions involve our mail order pharmacy. Again who is eligible? Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members 63 years of age or older or totally disabled CPN members regardless of age are eligible to participate in C-MOP plan A. Enrolled plan A beneficiaries receive medications that are on Citizen Potawatomi Nation health services c-mop formulary through the mail at no cost. If you have pharmacy benefit coverage through a government or commercial health benefit plan, C-MOP will bill your insurer to receive a portion of

the cost of your medications. Reimbursements received from third party insurers remain in the C-MOP program for use in perpetuating the mail order program. At present the C-MOP program is not available to non-Indian spouses.

That’s enough of the serious stuff for now. My wife Julia and I attended the 90th birthday party for my cousin Marj Guerich (Pearl). The party was hosted by her granddaughter Amy Guerich and another cousin, Janet Pearl in St. Mary’s, Kansas this past weekend (Oct.28). We got re-acquainted with many family members, cousins and friends. The party was also attended by Theresa Adame and her husband Dominique. Theresa is the district 4 CPN legislator. My cousin Marj has lived in St. Mary’s for many years and it seems everyone in town knows her and may have been at the party.

I will close this article as I always do, with a plea for your contact information. If you do not get e-mails or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your contact information and the Nation, due to privacy issues cannot provide me with that information. I can be reached at Rslavin@potawatomi.org, rjslavin@sbcglobal.net or Roy Slavin 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas city, Mo. 65151 Ph# toll free 1-888-741-5767

You and your families are important to me. When disasters such as hurricane sandy or tornadoes such as the recent outbreak in the mid-west happen I try to contact as many people as possible that might be impacted. If you or someone you know have been impacted by these or other natural disasters, please contact me.

Migwetch
Roy



Marj Guerich and her granddaughter Amy Guerich

District 2 - Eva Marie Carney



Bozho/Hello:

Happy Fall to everyone, and happy Native American Heritage Month – please make the most of it, celebrating the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and acknowledging the important contributions of Native people, and educating friends and colleagues about the challenges we have faced and the ways we tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

Fall Feast. District #2 celebrated together in a big way on November 10th, with our second annual Fall Feast. With technical help from Bob and Karen Richey and Don Tenoso, we made elk and deer hide drums, and fashioned drumsticks. After a group recitation of a Potawatomi prayer of Thanksgiving we feasted on three sisters (corn, beans, squash) quiche and bison chili. We also swapped stories about family and enjoyed each other’s company. Over dessert (CPN member Tiffany Carter’s delicious cupcakes), I made a short presentation about the Nation and District #2, took questions and invited others to share with the group. CPN member Mark Carter told the group about his

work as a legal fellow at the National Congress American Indians (check out www.ncai.org for more details on the organization) and we discussed organizing an NCAI building tour and presentation in the near future. Please look for details, which will follow by postcard and email announcements.

It was a very heartwarming day, with many folks who I now consider dear friends attending, and new faces joining the mix. That my husband Alan Cohen and daughter Elise Cohen attended, and worked so hard to ensure the afternoon ran smoothly, making it even more special. I only wish I could clone myself and put together a Fall Feast in all the corners of far-flung District #2. While photos are not quite like being there, I’m including a couple photos at the end of this column, have many up on facebook, and will get everything up on my website too. (The facebook link, which you can put in your browser to access the photos, without joining facebook, is: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152233117015117.923671.711170116&type=1&l=85718e320c>)



Completed drums and drumsticks.



Bob Richey of Virginia and Sue Wagner of Maryland work together on Sue's drum.

Featured Citizens. One of the things I like to use this column for is to “plug” the accomplishments of our District citizens. I want to feature two of the Fall Feast attendees. First up: Tiffany Carter. Tiffany is a Crumbo and an accomplished baker. She has been growing her business, Drunk Girl Cupcakes, making cupcakes and pretzels for wineries and breweries in Virginia wine country near her home of Leesburg, VA. Please check out her business on facebook – she does offer shipping. (Quick note: the cupcakes she shared with us were non-alcoholic and a very big hit). The second person featured this month is Sam Scott. Sam was one of our Potawatomi Leadership Students before college, is from Oklahoma, and graduated from Princeton this spring, as a Gates Millennium Scholar (that is a big deal!). Sam is now in Washington and has a Princeton Fellowship working for the World Faiths Development Dialogue. Like our daughter Elise, Sam was a coxon for his college crew team (meaning he was the one in the front of the boat, directing the action), and strong and

we’ll expect great things from him.

Final Thoughts and Request for Your Vote. Please send your contact details if I do not already have them. I send periodic emails and am happy to include you on my mailing list. Also, I am filing this month for reelection to the Legislative position. I don’t know if there will be other candidates -- the deadline for applications is early January. I hope you will entrust me with your vote and another four year term. I am happy to receive constructive criticism and ideas for what you’d like me to accomplish in the next four years. Please contact me if you have opinions or information to share.

Thank you for the great honor of representing you.

Igwien/With heartfelt thanks,

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Rep. Carney's presentation during the Fall Feast.



CPN Fall Feast 2102 group photo outline: Posing with our drums, left to right, front row: Rep. Eva Marie Carney, Kathy Upchurch, Cldy Amdur-Clark, Karen Richey and Gaye Tenoso; middle row: Mark Carter, Tiffany Carter, Sam Scott, Paulette Wamego, Jade Evans, Sue Wagner , Joyce Hones, Fred Clark, Don Tenoso. Back row: Gwynne Robinson, Dave Whittal, Deborah Toomey, Preston Gillmore, Jessi Evans, Amy Hones and Bob Richey.

District 3 - Robert Whistler



Bozho Nikanek:

(Hello friends)

As we begin this winter season, there are three areas I would like to cover.

First, it is that time of year that we tend to put on weight. It is now colder and we are in doors more than we were several months ago. So, I am asking you to think about some exercise and it involves, “Why not walk across Texas?” Do you know how wide or long Texas is at the widest or longest distances? Conservatively, we are about 830 miles wide and 890 miles long! But my question is not that far out if you do this as a team! Texas A&M AgriLife Extension has created a program that allows you to do this as a team member in just eight weeks! Walking is the cheapest and easiest means of exercising available. Moreover, it reduces your risk of stroke, diabetes, heart disease and cancer! To get started, go to: "HTTP://WALKACROSSTEXAS.TAMU.EDU" and just follow their instructions. They have made this very simple. All you need

do, is make the commitment to walk for 30 minutes, five times each week, for eight weeks as a member of an eight person team or you can set the goal and just do it yourself. For any of you reading this article who don’t live in Texas, I invite you to join in!

Second, it is still too early to put away the grill. These cooler nights are fantastic to be outside grilling your favorite type of meat. But before you start, be sure you follow proper handling, cleaning, and trimming procedures including other safety policies. No meat should be left out at room temperature for more than two hours, and if the temperature is over 90 degrees, it should not be left out for more than an hour. Frozen meats should be defrosted either in the refrigerator or in the microwave. If in the microwave, it then needs to be cooked immediately. As far as ensuring the meat is cooked to the correct temperature, your eye is not the perfect gauge for the correct minimum cooked temperature. Invest in a thermometer. They are not really that expensive. Minimum temperatures for various meats are as follows: beef, veal, and lamb steaks and roasts for medium rare need to be 145F degrees and at 160F degrees to be cooked medium. Hamburgers should be cooked until the internal temperature is also 160F degrees. For all poultry (parts, ground or whole) 165F degrees is the desired final temperature. Pork, all cuts, the new temperature for them is 145F degrees. And finally, hot dogs already cooked should be cooked to a temperature of 165F degrees. After you finish cooking, it is best to let the item rest for about 3 minutes before serving. I wish to thank Lexie McGrane for providing me the information on both the Walk Across Texas program and the data about grilling. She is with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, here in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex and makes presentations on these two areas and several others. If you have a group that may benefit from one of her programs, get back to me and I will put you in touch with Lexie.

Third and lastly, it is that time of year when we should be thinking of those in need, and how we may be able to help. Several weeks ago, district 2 representative Eva Marie Carney, sent out an email about sending clothing to a firm in her district that coordinates getting the items together and sending them to South Dakota for distribution at the Pine Ridge and Red Bud reservations. While that project I believe is now completed, these and other Native American Nations in the area are in need of whatever we can send. Our federal tax laws with the IRS and the federal government welcome us in contributing to the needs of these individuals as well as other worthy non-profit organizations. In fact, there is no limit on how much you can donate. For most donors, cash donations of up to 50% of your adjusted gross income, is allowed. Anything over 50% is allowed, but must be carried forward for up to five future years. But you should check with your tax advisor to be sure of what you may take as a deduction. When you make a donation, be sure to get receipts. If you need contact information for some of the groups in South Dakota, or Montana, drop me a line and I will send you a short list of several that I support.

On the last weekend in October and the first week-end in November we were able to hold two area meetings. We will be holding another meeting the first quarter of 2013 in the southern part of our district, most likely fairly close to Houston or Austin.

I do enjoy the role you have allowed me to have and I am deeply honored at being your elected representative. I am here to help answer questions and work at finding opportunities, benefits, or programs that will benefit you and your family. So if you have a question, drop me a line. Just this last month one of our fellow Texans, Mary Bartkus, asked me if we still get a discount with AT&T for wireless service. I had not heard of this, so a brief question was sent to Mrs. Capps, and about a week later, staff reported back. We can now go to "http://www.wireless.att.com/discounts" and input our email address to get a discount. The number AT&T has assigned to CPN is 3992531, which you will need in order to complete the transaction. Thank you Mary for inquiring, you query resulted in many benefiting!

Have a safe and happy holiday season and I hope to see each of you in 2013.

Bama Mine (later),

Bob Whistler/Bmashi
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District 3 Dec 2012 Column

District 4 - Theresa Adame



Bozho
As I write my article we are one week away from the national election. I always watch the debates and the news that follows. I am never surprised that no matter who the commentator is their candidate was the clear winner. But soon we will know who the true winner is and I hope you all participated in the process.

I will soon be filing my intent to run for re-election to my position of Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislator for the great state of Kansas. It does not seem possible that my 4 year term will be up June 2013.

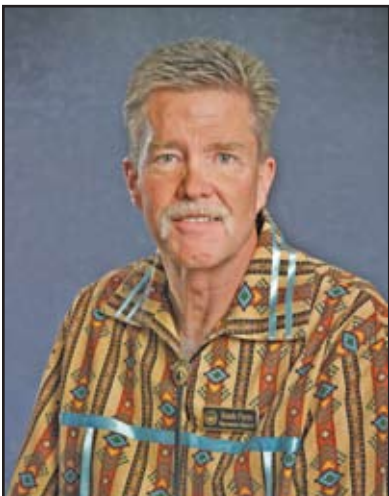
I have seen many changes since I took my oath of office. We completed the bowling alley, eagle aviary, softball complex and will soon finish the arena and hotel at the Grand Casino to name a few. It has been my pleasure to

District 5 - Gene Lambert



We wonder sometimes what has created or brought out the person we are or have become throughout life. You have obviously heard the saying “don’t judge an Indian until you have walked a mile in their moccasins.” I know in talking with others or even in my own introspect that the simplest of things can influence a lifetime. When I was a child my mother saw to it that we went to church every Sunday and had lunch after. It was a very special day we looked forward to. There was a song we used to sing in Sunday school which was “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” It went on to say “All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his site.” I believed every word. Having grown up in the 50’s and 60’s it was a song very different from what we experienced in the real world. While all the prejudices were growing I could never understand why.

District 6 - Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan,
By the time you read this the holiday season will be in full swing. Such a special time of year! Long checkout lines, no place to park, hanging the lights and 10 extra pounds are just a few of the things I look forward to during the Holiday’s. Well, maybe I don’t look forward to gaining 10 pounds but I do enjoy all the good things to eat; I’m a sucker for the sweets. I think the Native American story is the most under told (maybe that’s a good thing depending on who’s telling it) and is inaccurate more than accurate most of the time. The month of November gives Native American’s opportunity to share their story. This is something I enjoy and am proud to do because most American’s know very little if any of our story. The first response I usually get when I tell someone I’m Potawatomi is “never heard of them”. That opens the door to ask the question: “have you heard of The Trail of Death?” Most of the time the answer is no

and a few times it has been “wasn’t that the Cherokee’s?” Yikes! The majority of the reaction I get is a pretty clear indication that there’s a huge knowledge void concerning Native Americans. So that’s why I’m always eager to talk about Potawatomi history to anyone interested in listening. I also find it gratifying because I feel the listener walks away enlightened and maybe even a little humbled and with greater appreciation and respect for the first Americans. Please let me encourage you to always be on the lookout for opportunities to tell our story. It doesn’t have to be only in November. I have a good friend that teaches 6th grade at a school down the road in Terra Bella. It’s a community of mostly lower income Hispanics. Many of his students have never been out of Tulare County! I have partnered with him the last couple

be a part of the Legislature during this time of great growth. I hope that as many of you who vote for president also take the time to vote in our CPN election in June. Work is continuing to restore Skyline Park (Chief Burnett’s Mound) the highest elevation in Topeka to native Kansas prairie grass. I have been working with the Green Team from Westar Energy during their three year commitment to the project. I am happy to report that the clearing phase of the project is done, but the work is far from complete. Workers will now begin in January or February to cut out hiking and biking trails on the south side of the hill and the mound will be burnt in the spring. For those of you not in Kansas, in the spring the fields and grasses here are burnt to get ready for the next crop or growth of native grasses. It is estimated that by the fall of 2013 at the earliest the park will be open during the day again for pedestrians after many years of being closed. I continue to send out reminders of events and word of the week by e-mail. If you would like to be added to the list please contact me at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Tadame@potawatomi.org"](mailto:Tadame@potawatomi.org)Tadame@potawatomi.org.

Theresa Adame
Citizen Potawatomi Legislator for Kansas

I myself was told not to tell anyone of my heritage. My Father was Potawatomi and if people knew they would think less of me. I kept quiet still not understanding. Of course the other side wasn’t very popular then either, German and Irish. How much of ourselves did we lose during that time? I finally enrolled in the mid 80’s and that was because I didn’t know how to go about it prior to that time. My Children are enrolled. My Grandchildren are enrolled. I want them to feel proud and to have the opportunity to participate in the gatherings and family history so long as they choose. If you aren’t enrolled or realize your children haven’t completed their paperwork then that family line will stop with you. Be proud of who you are and allow the generations to come to feel pride in their heritageThe Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chair Linda Capps have gathered together a group of people that have enhanced our existence “Ten Thousand Times.” We thank and acknowledge them everyday. If we had nothing material to offer it would still be one of the greatest gifts you could give yourself and your children. A place they belong as did their forefathers. The sense of belonging is probably the most stabilizing identity one can have. Inside, that is who you are! I am so very honored and proud to serve you.

of years to help create awareness in his classroom about Native American Heritage Month. I have loaned him my copy of the PBS documentary featuring the Pigeon family of the Gun Lake Potawatomi Tribe. It’s a little of their family’s history and tradition of black ash basket making. This year my friend will be showing the Trail of Death video produced by our folks at the Cultural Heritage Center. We will also give his students some simple Potawatomi words and phrases to learn and have fun with. I’m amazed at how receptive these young students are to learning about another culture. This has been a year of extremes for me. Somewhat like “the best of times, the worst of times” as the story began in Charles Dickens classic The Tale of Two Cities. The highs have been extraordinarily high and the lows excruciatingly low. I’m not complaining but I am ready for things to level out a bit. As the year nears its final months, things are beginning to settle down some. Knock on wood! I’m really excited about the coming year. I’m in the planning stages of some really exciting things for the District! If you have an interest in learning more about our culture and then sharing it with others, please get in touch with me. It may be drumming, it might be beading or perhaps regalia making. Whatever you have a passion for and might be willing to help others learn could be beneficial to many in our district. Please don’t hesitate to contact me for more information! Wishing you and yours the best holiday season ever! God bless, Rande K. Payne / Mnedo Gabo District #6 Legislator Citizen Potawatomi Nation 732 W. Oak Ave. Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 635-1039 Rande.Payne@Potawatomi.org www.randepayne.com

District 7 - Mark Johnson



Bozho,
The course of the US Government has been set for the next four years, regardless of your political views and which party is in control, it is always an interesting time for the Native Nations of this country as they compete for the seemingly ever shrinking resources that the government deems sufficient to deal with its obligations to the native population of this county. The one constant that you can count on is the dedicated staff in Shawnee who work tirelessly on your behalf to secure. It is also the reason that the executive staff and legislature work hard to ensure the economic health of the Nation. The growth that the Chairman outlined in the last issue of the HowNiKan is just a sampling of the growth that the Nation is experiencing, that will ensure the viability of our tribe for the next 150 years and beyond. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The deadlines for the spring - winter scholarship applications are December 1st and will be here before you know it. Summer session applications and paperwork are due next June 1st and fall 2013 semester applications are due next August 1st. For full time students, up to \$1500 is available, and for part-time students up to \$750 is available. Also remember that students who receive a Tribal Scholarship are also eligible to receive \$675 for the fall and spring semesters from the Student Housing

Assistance Program to assist with living expenses.

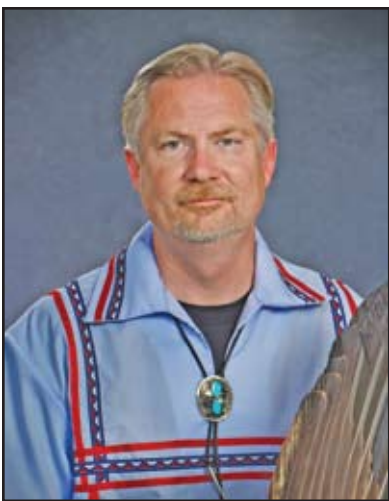
I would also like to encourage any High School Seniors in District #7 to apply for the Potawatomi Leadership Program held in Shawnee each summer. Applications are due in May of each year and can be downloaded from the Nation’s website. It is a wonderful program to give a leg up to our Nation’s future leaders, and give you a great insight into the inner workings of tribe and our cultural history.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. And please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

May you and your family have a happy and safe holiday season.

Migwetch,
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District 8 - Dave Carney



Bozho Jayek – and Happy Holidays!
District 8 just wrapped up our 2012 events with the annual Fall Feast. This year we had two wonderful staff members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation fly out from Oklahoma to share their talents. We had about fifty folks attend and bring potluck food-enough food to feed double that number. Even the weather cooperated and we did not have our normal slow, steady drizzle. Instead we had crisp weather and beautiful clear skies.



Curtis Grant shares Tribal Heritage Project info

Curtis Grant, who manages the Tribal Heritage Project (along with other projects)at the Cultural Heritage Center and Leslie Deer, who is the Nation’s “go to” dance and regalia expert worked as a team to conduct interviews and share their specific areas of expertise. Curtis entertained us with videos spoofing Night at the Museum at our very own Heritage Center and parodying Predator. Four interviews were recorded representing the Navarre, DeWitt, Ogee and the Bourassa families. It was a challenge to convince members to sit for an interview, however, to a person, everyone who participated felt that it was a rewarding and worthwhile experience. As we discussed in the main meeting, this is for children, grand



Leslie leads round dance II

I really appreciated what Leslie Deer said at the beginning of her segment. She is a fifteen year CPN employee and feels as much a part of our tribe as her own (Muskogee). Leslie was dressed in beautiful regalia that she designed which was adorned with flowers. She talked, danced and got the members doing a round dance. What a great asset she and Curtis are to the Nation! Leslie also had a friend visit named Angel who she used to perform with. She came over from Idaho and is a member of the Nez Perce tribe. We were definitely inter-tribal at our Feast with Curtis representing the Sac and Fox, Leslie the Muskogee, Angel



Dr. Steve Lynch - Wisest member



Leslie Deer Butterly Dancing



Joe Clark - farthest traveled from Somers, MT

the Nez Perce and all of our Potawatomi.

District 8 members shared their time and talents beyond bringing food to make the event a success. Ed Dewitt and his wife jumped into the kitchen to make an army sized container of stuffing. Ed also smudged the gathering room and acted as a much needed tech guy for Curtis’s DVDs. Lindsay Jones Marean used her considerable Potawatomi linguistic skills to lead the Fall Feast prayer provided by Sam Navarre from the nation’s Language Department. Joe Clark recorded the meeting for future viewing by members that could not attend. As is our tradition, members were recognized and gifts were given. Dr. Steve Lynch as our wisest member who received a Pendleton throw blanket, Joe Clark won a Native American design commuter mug for being the farthest traveled and Rosslyn Dewitt for being the youngest member.



Joe Clark - farthest traveled from Somers, MT



Rosslyn Dewitt - Youngest member



Round Dance with Alan Hernandez

District 9 - Paul Wesselhoft



Bozho, Nikan

THE STATEWIDE IMPACTS OF OKLAHOMA TRIBES

Oklahoma City University released their study on the tribal impact on Oklahoma’s economy. There are thirty-eight recognized Indian tribes in Oklahoma. According to the 2010 Census, these 38 tribes have nearly 483,000 citizens living and working in Oklahoma. This represents nearly 13% of the state’s population. A substantial number of these people live and work in rural areas, which is beneficial to urbanizing state. Good jobs are more difficult to find in rural areas. We rejoice in the following facts: “Oklahoma tribes employed 53,747 people in 2010 of which 16,212 were employed in tribal governments and 37,532 were employed in tribal businesses.”

District 10 - David Barrett



Bozho,

This column is in response to a question, which was forwarded to me by our District 2 representative Eva Marie Carney, from a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member who lives in Navarre, Florida. Why is red on the left and blue on the right on our veteran’s vests? As far as I could determine from asking and looking for photos, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Honor Guard originally wore black ribbon shirts with wide red ribbons and not all with the same pattern as you can see in the photos. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization was formed and during one of their regular meetings, the discussion on January 25, 2007 was to design a Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veteran’s patch. During the February 27, 2007 meeting, Jon Boursaw displayed a vest and asked for suggestions for the patch and the

exact colors for the vest. After talking with Jon Boursaw his comments were this: “Blue and Red colors were originally proposed by Michael Kennedy and approved by the membership. The red is on the left over the heart and the maple leaf was to signify origin roots as Woodland’s Tribe. The final design was created by Nathan McKay from a draft and Peggy Kinder made the first issue of the vests for the 2007 Grand Entry. On further research on our culture and heritage that have been handed down it is more difficult to find certain facts for me since



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans at the Family Reunion Festival

I’m not an historian, but very curious to learn more. In addition to the clan system, the Potawatomi tribe had another mechanism for subdividing the entire tribe or village for special purposes. All Potawatomi—regardless of age, sex, clan affiliation, or residence---were assigned to one of two “halves” or “sides.” The principle of assignment was simple and unambiguous. All children whose birth order was first, third, fifth, and so on were assigned to the senior side, called Oshkesh, while all those whose birth order was an even number were assigned to the junior side—Kishko. This was a dual division or moiety system. This dual division thus cuts across lineage, Clan, village, and family memberships. This moiety system was called into action only for a few limited purposes, for the organization of La Crosse teams, for the selection of gambling partners, and for similar activities involving the controlled expression of rivalry, competition, and hostility within the larger village or society. Justin Neely, director of our language department, commented to me that “traditionally the Potawatomi people assigned a color to



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans present the American flag to an honored veteran

“The Tribes made direct payments of \$1.5 billion to Oklahoma residents, or \$27,610 per employee.” “The Tribes made direct payments of \$792 million to Oklahoma entities in pursuit of medical care access, educational advancement, social services and economic development opportunities for tribal citizens.” “Tribal operations in Oklahoma, including gaming, professional services and other retail generated \$5.6 Billion in revenues - a significant source of direct economic output within the state.” “When analyzed in the context of the Oklahoma economy and accounting for spillover (multiplier) impacts, we estimate that these activities supported: 87,174 full-time equivalent jobs in the state \$2.5 billion in state income \$10.8 billion in state production of goods and services.” If Oklahoma’s economy remains relatively stable for a number of years, we can well image that tribes will continue to have a greater economic impact of Oklahoma’s growth among the states. Perhaps, if more Oklahoma’s citizens understood how beneficial Indian tribes are to their state’s economy, they would more appreciate the presence and culture of Native Americans in their midst. Migwetch, Representative Paul Wesselhoft/Naganit (Leader)



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans vest debut



Veterans stand together in Abilene Texas at the District 3 meeting. From left to right: Bob Whistler, District 3 Legislator; Donald Stephenson; James Spillman; David Barrett, Oklahoma District 10 Legislator and Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization treasurer; Richard Mabry; Kevin Holloway; Ray Stranger

be boiled into sugar. The various tribes of this region have similar and consistent tales that the Creator filled the trees with thick syrup year round. The maple leaves were widely used in Potawatomi beadwork designs. I do wish that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and each of us remember the true meaning of Christmas by putting family first and commercialism last. It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and honor to serve you and our great Nation. Migwetch, David Barrett/Mnedobe(Sits with the Spirit) Oklahoma Legislator, District #10 DBarrett@Potawatomi.org

a person based on ones birth order. The blue was used for first, third, fifth and so on and the color red was given to second, fourth, sixth and so on. The reasoning behind this is that when the tribe went to war we would separate by blues and reds, so that a family wouldn’t lose all of their children if one group was killed. If that happened it would leave elderly



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization at the Gathering of Nations in August 2012

parents and perhaps grandparents with no one to help supply them with food in the coming years.” So now you can see that traditionally the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veteran Organization vest is blue on the right side and red on the left side, with the patch having all the services in the outer circle. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation peace pipe and tommy hawk are crossed over the seven burning logs with “Nishnabe” written under the logs all of which are placed on a maple leaf. Although these maple trees are associated with New England and Canada, their range encompasses areas with cool and moist climates, including the mid-Atlantic and great lakes regions. Most likely, the Native Americans of the Eastern woodlands discovered that the sap from maple trees could



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Oklahoma District 10 Legislator models the CPN Veterans Organization vest

District 11 - Lisa Kraft



A DIFFERENT KIND OF PRIDE

While making a German family recipe for crockpot chili, my dear friend said matter-of-factly that she wished more kids were born into a tribe, so they would become better adults. (Politics had absolutely nothing to do with our discussion.) I was chopping onions and peppers and had been talking about the pressure I feel from raising an only child. Pressure in the sense, that without a sibling, my son spends a lot of time with me. After school and homework, we explore our 300-acre ranch together, practice soccer, and yes, even play a little Xbox. Unfortunately for my son, I see learning experiences in most everything. This can be extremely annoying to a 9 year old. Hence, I feel pressure from being everyone to my son (pal, instructor, sibling, sage, etc.) instead of just being mom (giver of unconditional love, nurse and nurturer, and disciplinarian).

I have an older sister. We grew up without a rush and pretty much carefree. We had a stern and loving grandmother who checked on us throughout the summer as our mother went to work at Tinker Air Force Base each day. We would play bicycle tag with kids in the neighborhood, trek across town through the underground water tunnel system, and swim at the community pool. The only two rules

we had were 1) be home by the time mom was and 2) have the house as clean as it was when she left. Some weekends, we would stay with our Potawatomi grandparents. It was like a family vacation with so many cousins and a house full of laughter. Through it all, my sister and I shared a lot of experiences growing up. Today, we are very different on the surface of things; but no one can deny we are cut from the same cloth of independence and fringed in tom-boy.

Imagine not having a brother or sister to share Christmas with or to share long boring car adventures with. And then imagine what it would be like as a parent if you didn’t have someone who could validate your childhood to your own children. My sister and I can entertain our kids with several stories about one another that get our kids laughing or thinking. My sister and I have made it very important to raise our children as close cousins.

For a handful of years, my sister and I brought our families together every Fourth of July and Christmas in Denver and spent Easter and Thanksgiving together here in Oklahoma. In fact, my son still celebrates his birthday each

District 12 - Paul Schmidlkefer



Bozho Nikan,

Well we have had our first decent freeze this year. My allergies will certainly appreciate this. I suspect mine aren’t the only ones. I’ve ran into people all year suffering this year like no other of late. Add to that the sporadic rainfall we have had and it’s been a humdinger. I’m hoping next year will direct itself to a somewhat more normal year.

As I said in my last article the limited rainfall has helped our construction projects move along this year. Every time I drive by the tribal complex it seems something has been started or progressed noticeably. Most Wednesdays I try to go to the bowling alley and play a couple games with my oldest grandson Colton. He is bowling in the FireLake youth league. He really enjoys our new bowling alley and it gives me a little activity with him. With each new project we get closer to the destination goal.

District 13 - Bobbi Bowden



Bozho Ninikan:

At this time of year which is supposed to be filled with joy, some of us seem to find ourselves stuck in a rut of some sort, doing the same old thing over and over. We could find ourselves waiting to make a career choice, a career change or countless other things in our lives. A blog that I subscribe to by Seth Godin addressed this subject and it spoke volumes to me so I thought I would take this opportunity to share it with you.

I hope you enjoy and get something out of it as I did:

The best way to get unstuck Don't wait for the right answer and the golden path to present themselves. This is precisely why you're stuck. Starting without seeing the end is difficult, so we often wait until we see the end, scanning relentlessly for the right way, the best

July in Denver with my sister carrying in his cake and his cousins singing to him. But time has a way of shifting even the best intentions. We will only see each other twice this year.

So you can imagine what I was feeling when my friend said I should rely on my own tribe---my family (both immediate and extended)---to help me teach my son and to give him more opportunities to learn from those I love and respect. She asked me if I was okay because I had stopped doing what I was doing. She knew the tears in my eyes weren’t from the onions.

She squeezed my hand reassuringly and then went back to browning the meat. After a few minutes in silence she said, “Surely there is someone in your tribe to teach Conrad his language so he can speak the words used to forge history. There must be a hunter who can teach him patience and a skill to survive and provide. There has to be someone who can sing songs or create art so he will know he sees the world uniquely. And there has to be a leader or a grandparent who can teach him self-structure or how to negotiate life through giving and taking.” At that point I didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. It was as if she thought the Potawatomi lived in some idyllic village still traveling by canoe on Lake Michigan. And then it hit me.

Her advice was to stop trying to be everything and everyone to my son and focus on how to be the best mother I can be. I took a long deep breath and went back to chopping peppers. My friend had just described our modern tribe the way it actually is, albeit, in an extended way. Her silence forced me to reflect on all my tribal relatives (young and old, past and present, closely and distantly related). As we put all of our ingredients into the crockpot, she looked at me and said, “Yes, how lucky you and your son are to be born into a tribe.”

My prayers this holiday season are that each of you receive the help you and your family desperately need, especially those of our members on the East Coast. And perhaps most importantly, may you find the inner courage---putting pride aside---to ask others for their help.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

Lisa Kraft

Oklahoma Tribal Legislator (District 11)

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There are a few projects on the books that will help us get there.

One of the current projects started is the new gas and convenience store being built. It will reside at the corner Hardesty and Gordon Cooper drive. For me this will be especially nice. Chairman Barrett often refers to the current location by the grocery store a kamikaze corner. No one really foresaw the activity of this corner, but he is correct it can get a little scary there. So being able to get fuel now will certainly be more pleasant and safer.

The previous HowNiKan listed all the things going on and some of what is coming. All this will hopefully help secure our future. One of the reasons we have been able to weather these current economic times has been our diversity of businesses. I believe the current administration has us solidly headed in the right direction. Hopefully all of you see this and will come out a place your votes this summer to continue our growth. It’s never really too early to start planning your trip for our next festival.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.

Bama pi and megwetch,

Paul Schmidlkofer

way and the perfect way. The way to get unstuck is to start down the wrong path, right now. Step by step, page by page, interaction by interaction. As you start moving, you can't help but improve, can't help but incrementally find yourself getting back toward your north star. You might not end up with perfect, but it's significantly more valuable than being stuck. Don't just start. Continue. Ship. Repeat.

As always I thank you for the honor to serve you! I am looking for new ways to get unstuck as I serve the tribe and I look forward to sharing my experiences with you.

Megwetch
Bobbi Bowden
Legislative Representative District 13

District 3 and district 5 meeting

A district 3 and district 5 meeting was held on Oct. 28, 2012 in Abilene, Texas. The meeting covered the most recent changes at the Cultural Heritage Center and had a slide presentation developed by the director Kelli Mosteller. The presentation included aerial shots of much of the new construction, including the new west medical facility, the ball fields, convention center, bowling alley and the covered arena used for Grand Entry.

David Barrett covered some of the things taking place for the veterans, Charles Clark was there from tribal rolls and ID

cards were issued and Curtis Grant and Leslie Deer were on-hand to take videos from veterans and a family video. Each CPN member present gave a bio and several were surprised to find they were

from one of the same original families.

More than 70 percent of the attendees at this meeting had never been to an area meeting or to a Family Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma.



Eldest in attendance, James Spillman with Bob Whistler & David Barrett



Jeanne Schulde-Vaughn traveled the furthest with Bob Whistler



Youngest in attendance. Landon Burks with Bob Whistler, Emily Stites, David Barrett



Leslie Deer

Ray Tainpeah Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Care Worker

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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency

The CPN Tag Agency is now open for CPN members' convenience at its new location at 1305 S. Beard, Shawnee, OK 74801. The new telephone number is 405-273-1009. Toll-free, it is 800-880-9880.

The Tag agency is now registering RVs and providing license plates for CPN members who live in Oklahoma. Please call before visiting to ensure you have all the required documents.

Vice Chairman - Linda Capps



With the recent Grand Opening of the FireLake Branch Bank, I believe it is fitting to address one of the Nation's prize possessions; First National Bank & Trust Co., located at 130 E. MacArthur in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The bank's charter began with First Oklahoma Bank, N.A. and was approved on June 30, 1983. The original capital structure of that bank was \$2.5 million; the doors actually opened for business on October 29, 1984. Of the six original incorporators, tribal member Jerald O'Connor is still affiliated with the bank which was purchased in February, 1989 by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

At the time of purchase, First Oklahoma Bank, N.A. had assets of approximately \$15 million and was located in a 3,000 square foot double-wide modular building on the same lot where the present bank building stands. First National Bank & Trust Co. today is located in a beautiful 32,000 square foot building that was built under the tribal leadership of Chairman John Barrett and the construction management of Bob Dunning. The bank is now owner of several branches in Oklahoma including Holdenville, Sheridan in Lawton, Quanah Parker in Lawton, Mangum, Granite and the recently opened branch bank at FireLake.

President Larry Briggs began the executive management of the bank in November 1994 when all operations were moved to the present building. With Larry Briggs' vision, the bank's name was changed in October 1995 from First Oklahoma Bank to First National Bank & Trust Co., which has proven to be a positive move. Today, the bank continues to grow in assets that now total more than \$225 million. The Board of Directors for First National Bank & Trust Co. includes an impressive array of experienced bankers, polished business owners, and proven tribal leaders.

President Larry Briggs is an experienced financial executive with more than 35 years of experience in all phases of the banking industry; including business development

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For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McCloud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

lending and management. He served in the prestigious capacity as president of the Oklahoma Banker's Association in 1989-90. Mr. Briggs' other professional development credentials are outstanding. He is a leader in the Shawnee area community and has done an excellent job in his capacity as president with First National Bank.

None can deny the impact of Chairman Barrett's banking experience and tribal leadership in Indian Country. He has been instrumental in the success of the Nation's bank as well as the success of numerous enterprises at the Nation. His expertise is sought throughout the United States in Indian Country as well as private sector business.

D.Wayne Trousdale is not only keen in the banking industry, he is a very successful business owner and operator with experience as managing partner in a \$150 million annual sales business. His education and experience in finance has served the Nation well in his position as Secretary-Treasurer for CPN since 2002.

Jerald O'Connor is a charter member of First National Bank & Trust Co. He is the heart-beat of the banking entity due to his knowledge of the community and his financing expertise for area bank customers. He is the long-time owner/operator of the former Harvey's, Inc., of Shawnee which was a GMC auto dealership. He continues to be engaged in the auto-related business.

John Robinson, MD is also a long-time First National Bank board member. He was, in fact, the Chairman of the board when First Oklahoma Bank, N.A. was purchased by the Nation. He remained Chairman of the Board until Chairman John Barrett took the rein in the mid 1990's. Dr. Robinson is not only a financial genius; he is the astute business owner and Ophthalmologist for Robinson Eye Institute, PLLC.

Ross Swimmer, well known in Indian Country as the former Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior, is a member of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. He is also the former Principal Chief for the tribe. His expertise in finance and banking is recognized throughout the United States. Ross Swimmer honors the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by serving on the Nation's bank board.

Jack Grimmett, Jr. and John Anderson are both long-time bankers in the State of Oklahoma. Not only are they tribal members; they are also both Chairman and Directors of their respective banks in Pauls Valley and Edmond, Oklahoma. These two gentlemen have the most prestigious experience in the banking industry that any community owned bank could desire. Both Jack Grimmett, Jr. and John Anderson are part of the deep roots of family banking in their communities. In addition to being expert bankers, they are highly respected leaders in their communities. Their expertise in all banking aspects is a huge asset to First National Bank & Trust Co. Their opinions as board members for the bank are regarded as the height of banking experience and knowledge. As tribal members, they each have a rich heritage to be shared with family, extended family, and friends.

Rounding out the directors of First National Bank & Trust Co. is yours truly. I have proudly served the bank as an advisory to the directors since my Vice Chairman election in 1990 and on the Board of Directors since 1993. Currently, I am a member of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Branch Bank in Oklahoma City.

Former board members of the bank since the Nation's ownership are: Dennis Jett, former president; Murlin Derebery(deceased, former president; J.D. Colbert, former tribal administrator; Bob Davis (deceased), former tribal secretary/treasurer; Gene Bruno, former tribal secretary/treasurer; Hilton Melot, former tribal business committeeman; J.P. Motley (deceased), former tribal business committeeman; Legislator Lisa Kraft; and Legislator David Barrett.

I continue to cherish serving as your Vice Chairman.
Migwetch,
Linda Capps



John Barrett



Linda Capps



D. Wayne Trousdale



Larry Briggs



John Anderson



Jack Grimmett



Jerry O'Connor



John Robinson



Ross Swimmer

Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett



Bouzho Niconic, (Hello, my friends)

As the holiday season fast approaches, please allow me to express my sincere thanks for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman. As I have in the past, I also want to encourage all of you to use the occasion of the holidays to gather family members together to share old family stories. They are the key to our tribal identity.

All of you who are elders are a treasure to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as well as your family. Remember, our tribe's history is simply the collective common histories of our 44 families. The stories you can tell others in your family are not just about you and your past, they are also Citizen Potawatomi history. Please share them. One of the greatest things you can do for your family is sit down with some form of video recording device and go through old family photos together. You will be amazed at how one story or picture will remind your family of another. These recollections are the best insight the youngest generation in your family will have into what you have learned, experiences you have shared with the family, and the values you treasure. Please preserve this history for your family and your tribe. It is vital to our future generations to know who and what we are, and how we think and feel as Citizen Potawatomi Indians.

Recently our country has experienced a great natural disaster. Hurricane Sandy has displaced millions of people, including many Citizen Potawatomi. Many others of our people suffered from lack of power, water, sewer, and other services. As we did with Hurricane Katrina, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation stands ready to help our fellow tribesman and families. We have emergency housing available and emergency funds to help those in immediate dire need. We can help our stricken relatives to find disaster relief in their area. If any of you know of Citizen Potawatomi in need, please call the Tribe at 405-275-3121 and tell who ever answers that you are calling concerning a Citizen Potawatomi storm victim. We will also pass on the names and contact information for any of you who live in the Northeast who are willing and able to help others near you. Our prayers are with all those who were in the path of this terrible storm.

Here at the Nation, our several construction projects are doing well. The new Hotel at the Grand Casino and Resort is now fully enclosed with all of the windows in place on all 12 floors of rooms. The steel structure for the restaurants, pool deck, and performance venue is going up, and the top two floors of the hotel have drywall in place. The new parking lot is complete. We met with the interior designers and selections have been made for all of the paint, wallpaper, flooring, carpet, furniture, bedding, tile and light fixtures. The elevators will be installed before the end of the year. We are on schedule and budget, and hope to open in April. If you are planning to stay at the hotel for festival in June, please contact the Casino after March 1 when we will be taking reservations.

The Boys and Girls Club gymnasium is in final paint stage and the parking lot will be



The Boys and Girls club gymnasium will be used to host activities for local youth



The new hotel at Grand Casino and Resort will be complete spring 2013

complete in less than a month. The new golf clubhouse site preparation and dirt work is progressing well. Four of the old metal barns have been removed and the new concrete street into the golf course parking lot is poured and finished.

The FireLake Arena has completed the framework for the south porch and catering area while heating and air conditioning work is now nearly 60% complete. This is a very large project that we hope will open in the summer of 2013.

I traveled to Muskogee, Oklahoma at the invitation of Governor Mary Fallin for what was described as "discussions" about the upcoming renewal of our Tobacco Sales Compact with the State of Oklahoma, which expires in December. That compact was made with the state after Congress passed a law making it a felony to possess tobacco products without state tax stamps. Needless to say, we did not agree to allow the state to tax Indian commerce willingly. The two representatives of the State began the meeting with the remarks that they were seeking "cooperation", and described the 50% of all tobacco revenue they wanted from Indian Tribes in Oklahoma (with no investment in sales). Going even further, they hinted they would challenge the sovereign authority of Tribes to issue license plates to its citizens without the state's permission and put tribal land into trust with the United States without their conditions. Additional hints of challenges to decades of agreements between tribes and county/city law enforcement agencies to cross-deputize police, made this governor's intent appear to be asserting jurisdiction and state authority where none exists. The whole meeting felt like a veiled threat of disruption of tribal sovereignty if tribes did not knuckle under to this demand on tobacco sales. I am saddened by this exhibition. First, the idea that the Governor believes the 39 tribal leaders in Oklahoma are naive enough to be bluffed or bullied by the state outside of the law, and second, that the Governor would not recognize that tribal commerce is more important than this issue. Tribes are the second largest employer in the state, and the largest rural employer by a factor of ten! Current economic growth in Oklahoma is derived from growth in Indian commerce and government services. She should check with her private industry supporters. Most Oklahoma business leaders see tribes as a major resource for opportunity and indispensable new investment. Most county governments bordering tribes know that tribal funds are vital to their operations and tribal police fill the void for grossly underfunded County Sherriff's departments. The state health care infrastructure could not handle the additional load now carried by tribal funds and the facilities invested in tribal clinics and hospitals. There is probably another agenda here, however. The whole exercise by the Governor may be motivated by political lobbying on Secretary of State Glen Coffey by two large convenience store operators: Quick Trip and Love's. Their cigarette sales have been affected by tribal tobacco outlets. The danger is that this lobbyist pressure may cause years of real progress in tribal/state relations other than tobacco to go down the drain. Stay tuned. Governor Fallin is smart, but is getting bad advice. She may fix this.

Again, it is an honor to serve as your Tribal Chairman. I hope to see many of you at our several Regional Meetings now scheduled. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Megwetch,

John Barrett (Keweoge)

Tribal Chairman



Progress at the new golf clubhouse is being made



Work at FireLake Arena is 60 percent complete

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Obituaries



Bill Harris

Bel Aire, KS - Harris, Billy Wayne “Bill”, 87, beloved husband, dad, grandpa and “g” pa passed away October 21, 2012. Bill was a proud WWII Navy veteran, Iowa State alum, retired design engineer for Boeing and Beech and a devoted family man. He was preceded in death by his son David in 2004. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Yvonne; son Jon of San Francisco, CA; daughter, Melinda (Steve) Pore of Wichita; brother, James of Wichita; 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Memorial service is 3:00 pm Tuesday, Oct. 30 at Resthaven Mortuary Chapel. Condolences may be offered at <http://www.resthavenmortuary-cemetery.com/>.



Bobby Upton

Bobby Jack Upton went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012.

Memorial Service 2 p.m. Saturday at Boulevard Baptist Church in Burleson, officiated by Pastor Terry Williams.

Bobby was born Sept. 9, 1933 in Shawnee, Okla. He was a tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi tribe.

Survivors: Sons, Paul Upton and wife, Merla, of Burleson and Terry Upton and wife, Nellli, of Crowley; wife, Patricia Upton of Fort Worth; sister, Joane O’Rourke of LaGrande, Ore.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Dale Wano

Dale Wano went to meet our Lord, on October 1, 2012. Dale was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma on December 15, 1961. He comes from a strong Native American heritage. Dale was the “Hereditary Chief of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.” His father, Franklin Wano, and his Grandfather, Frank L. Wano, were also “Hereditary Chief of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.” Dale’s son Roger Wano will now take on the responsibilities, heritage and honor that his father was proud of as also “Hereditary Chief of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.”

Dale leaves behind his loving wife, Ellen Wano, his sons, Shawn Lugo, Scott Lugo, Roger Wano and Travis Wano; his sisters, Debbie Robinson and Reba Conway; his grandchildren, Ratchel Lugo, Shyanne Wano and Jaxsun Wano; his dog “Princess” who was his buddy and companion, as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

Billie Joe Burnett

Tribal member, Billie Joe Burnett passed away on October 27 at 68 years of age. He was born on the Osage reservation on July 7, 1944 to Ruby Burnett and Joe Billie Bartee. He was adopted and raised by his Uncle and Aunt, Antwine Burnett and Irene Brown.

Billie Joe Burnett was a welder by trade and his hobbies included restoring his 1974 Chevy Cheyenne Truck, watching movies, fishing, and spending the day with his two dogs, Beaker and Bouncing Roxanne B. He was a descendant of Huizo Burnett and a line of 8 Potawatomi Chiefs. He had the leadership skills, intelligence and spiritual visions of a chief. He was known for his intelligence and photographic memory. He is survived by 9 children, many grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and many step children who will all miss him greatly. He was Irish and Potawatomi. He celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Christmas all year long, loved a good party and sang a good song.

We mourn the death of Billie Joe Burnett, the patriarch of the Burnett clan. Plans are to inter his ashes in Oklahoma during the next Family Reunion Festival in June.



DeWayne Pitt

A memorial service for DeWayne Pitt will be 1pm Tuesday, October 16, 2012, in the chapel at St. Luke's Methodist Church 222 N.W.15th Street, OKC. Born in Ada, Oklahoma to Wayne and Merle Pitt, DeWayne graduated from Ada, high School, where he excelled in sports, quarterbacking the Ada football team to 4 state championships. DeWayne graduated from OU in the second graduating class for petroleum land management. His career in the oil business began in Roswell, New Mexico, Denver Colorado, and Houston Texas before returning to Oklahoma City, and becoming an independent. He served as President of the OKC PLM in 1999. Survived by wife Janet Moore Pitt and children Brent Pitt, Ken Pitt, Kathryn Paxton and husband Mike Paxton, grand children are Kyle Paxton, Kristen Lentz, Austin Lentz, and Katilyn Pitt, and brother in law Duane Moore. In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made to Skyline Urban Ministry.



Francis Franklin

Services for Francis Franklin "Frankie" Long Sr., who died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, were Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, at Parker Cemetery.

Pastor Robert Ferris, of Central Christian Church in Newkirk, officiated.

Special music was "Precious Memories," rendered by Frank Long III.

Casket bearers were Frank Long Jr., Doug Long, Danny Long, Frank Long III, Edward Blackcloud and Shawn Long.

Honorary casket bearers were Dakota, Austin, Colton, Chig, Koen, Ryan, Dillon, Lane, Ty, Devon, Danny Jr., Colton, Mason, Stevie, Clarence, Rhaheen, Terrance, Alex Jr., Brice, Brandon, Orien, Taylor, David, Shane, Dravon and Savonte.

Arrangements were under the direction of Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home, Arkansas City.



Howard Lee Shaw

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Howard Lee Shaw, Sr., 71, of Casper, Wyoming on Friday, October 19, 2012, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church at 1pm with Deacon Ed McCarthy and Father John Savio officiating.

Howard Lee Shaw passed away in the early morning hours at his home on October 15, 2012 due to complications after heart surgery.

Howard was born in Konowa, OK, December 14, 1940. When he was five, his family moved to Wyoming and first settled in Lamont, WY. They later moved to Powell, WY where he first started school and eventually ended up in Glenrock in 1949, where he continued his education. As a young man while in school he proved to be quite the athlete with some accomplishments such as all-star team pitcher and first baseman. He was also an avid basketball player while in school.

While in Glenrock at an early age he met the love of his life, Ellen Coates where they both became inseparable growing up together and later marrying in Salt Lake City, UT, August 12, 1960. After marrying the young couple worked state wide in the drilling operations with his father. As years went by, the couple traveled the country where Howard worked in the boiler makers as a tank builder and eventually moved to Midwest, WY where he worked as a lineman. He and his wife and two children moved to Buffalo, WY in 1966, where he first started his welding business. The family then moved to Casper where they settled in.

Howard continued with his welding and roundabout business specifically in Bairoil, WY for nearly 23 years and thereafter worked on various projects for many companies throughout the region. In 1994 Howard was promoted to Inspection and worked for various inspection firms until he settled in with Gulf Interstate Field Services as a Chief Inspector. The last years of his career were spent working in the Casper area performing tank inspections for Kinder Morgan.

Howard was a one of a kind man and his personality always brought a smile to a stranger’s face in passing; displaying comfort and warmth to those who knew him well. He also had an unending love for animals and had a way with them like no other person. He was a strong man, the rock for the family and will be deeply missed.

Howard is survived, by his wife, Ellie; daughter, Rebecca Floyd and her husband, John Floyd of Las Vegas, NV; son, Howard Lee “H.L.” Shaw, Jr. and his wife, Shari Shaw of Casper, WY; seven grandsons, John Pi’ece Lee Floyd, Thomas Lucian “Louie” Floyd of Las Vegas, NV, Howard Lee Shaw, III, Stafford Weston Shaw, Colson West-Lee Shaw, Dakota Joseph Shaw and Nikan Curleyhead Shaw of Casper, WY; sister, Kathryn Leshner and her husband, Keith Leshner, of Glenrock, WY; sister-in-law, Margaret Cates of Casper, WY and several nieces and nephews.



Henry Art Shawdah

Henry Art Shawdah a resident of Okmulgee passed away on September 21, 2012 in Okmulgee at the age of 79. Born February 24, 1933 in Vamoosa, Ok to George and Pauline (Thereatt) Shawdah. He was a veteran and was a truck driver. Henry had a passion for music and loved playing the guitar. He is preceded in death by his wife Faye and his parents.

Survived by his children: Bill Shawdah of Oklahoma City

Angela Murphy and husband Willie of Dewar

Janice Shawdah of Oklahoma City

Joella LeFlore of Coolidge, AZ

Silas LeFlore and wife Joannie of Porum Landing

15 Grandchildren

15 Great Grandchildren

1 great grandchild.

Graveside service will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at the New Senora Cemetery with Rev. Jack Vance, officiating under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home



Elbert Lee Bazhaw

Elbert Lee Bazhaw passed away at his home in Tuttle on Friday, May 25, 2012. He was born in Paris, Texas on Dec. 6, 1920 to Robert and Grady (Bissell) Bazhaw.

Elbert's family moved to Tuttle in December 1929, where his father worked as a shoe cobbler. Elbert was one of 12 children in the Bazhaw family and worked to help the family during the Depression. Elbert's brothers, Charles and I.H. talked of running errands for Tuttle business people for 5 or 10 cents a day.

Elbert worked for room and board early in his life, working on several farms, as his family moved. Elbert moved in with the Tom Skaggs family in Tuttle in the 1930s after Mr. Skaggs agreed to feed and clothe him in exchange for chores and farm work. Elbert helped Mr. Skaggs with his dairy and other farm chores.

Elbert graduated from Tuttle High School in 1940. His family recalled that he was unable to participate in sports or other extracurricular activities because of his chores and other commitments to Mr. Skaggs. He continued to live with and work for Mr. Skaggs and as time allowed, he earned spending money by working for Owen Skaggs, Bennie Hardesty, Reka Hardesty or anyone who would hire him.

During this time, he met Mrs. Hardesty's youngest daughter, Georgia. They never formally "dated" but often rode horseback together. After Georgia graduated from Tuttle High School in 1942, she enrolled at Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha while waiting to hear about her application to Wesley School of Nursing. Elbert visited Georgia in Chickasha a few times before he went into the service and they corresponded regularly.

After his induction in the Armed Forces, he spent his leaves riding the train back to Oklahoma City to visit Georgia while she was ill nursing school.

Elbert married Georgia Hardesty on Oct. 10, 1943 in Oklahoma City. He was in England two weeks later.

He was drafted into the Army on Oct. 31, 1942 and inducted on Nov. 14 of that year. He was assigned to the Air Force and trained at Tindal Field, Florida and then Dyesburg, Tenn. He served with the 348th Bomber Group in World War II as a tail gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress. He participated in 29 missions over Germany. He returned to the United States June 4, 1944 and was discharged in November 1945.

After returning to Tuttle, he lived with Georgia's mother until Georgia graduated from nursing school. They continued to live with Mrs. Hardesty for a short while and then rented a farm near Norman in November 1946. They moved back to Tuttle in October 1947, renting land from the Johnson ranch and then eventually buying their own farm.

Elbert worked as a farmer and mechanic. As a mechanic he initially worked for Granny Bowman and later at his own shop. His mechanic shop was located at 3rd Street and Highway 37, where at present the new Tuttle City Hall is being built.

Elbert was a member of the Tuttle Round Up Club, the Silver City Antique Tractor Club, VFW and the American Legion. He served as a class parent for his children and was active in many community activities.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia, his parents, brothers Charles Bazhaw, Robert Bazhaw and James Bazhaw and sisters, Leona Agee, Mary Copp and Beatrice Bazhaw.

He is survived by his two daughters, Pat Pearce, Chandler, Oklahoma and Jo Bazhaw, Tuttle; two grandsons and their families, Clay Pearce and wife Amy, Erin, Lindsey and Brendan, Owasso, Okla., and Cliff Pearce and wife Terri, Casey and Jessica, Wayne, Ill.; two brothers LH. Bazhaw, Shawnee, Okla., Ralph Bazhaw, North Carolina, three sisters Shirley Kinne, North Carolina, Delores Holliday, Mississippi and Bertha Collins, Lindsay, Okla., and a brother-in-law Clayton Lee of Oklahoma City, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tuttle United Methodist Church. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Tuttle, under the direction of Sevier Funeral Home. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.



Darrell A. Jenks

Darrell A. Jenks, 54, a retired Foreign Service officer, died on May 14 in Baltimore, Md., after a yearlong struggle with cancer. Mr. Jenks received his bachelor's degree in French from Reed College in 1979, and went on to earn an M.A. in political science from the University del Zulia in Maracaibo, an M.A. in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College and, later, a Ph.D. in the ethics of science fiction from Salve Regina University. In 1981, he entered the Foreign Service. During a 30-year diplomatic career, Mr. Jenks was posted to Belize (where he met his wife, Thelma), Tokyo, Shanghai, Beijing, Maracaibo, Kaohsiung, Brasilia, Seoul and Maysan. His last assignment was as director of the Foreign Service Institute Japanese Language School in Yokohama, from which he retired in 2011. Fluent in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Korean and Japanese, he also gained a working knowledge of Arabic during a year leading a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq. He received numerous awards from the State Department, including the Secretary's Award for Ex-celence in Public Diplomacy. Colleagues and friends remember Mr. Jenks as a dynamo of spirit and creativity of an especially exploratory and interactive kind. He was a gifted jazz drummer: in addition to a stint in New York City's Loft Scene in the 1970s, he formed bands almost everywhere he went, playing drums with an experimental and polyrhythmic style that mixed well with both progressive and traditional musicians in Taiwan, China, Brazil and Korea. One colleague recalls watching a (literally) fiery performance of Mr. Jenks' band Tianchuang (roughly, "Sky- light") near an abandoned factory on the outskirts of Beijing that climaxed in the burning of a giant stylized skylight, sending flames and sparks hundreds of feet into the air and leaving the audience stunned. Transformational diplomacy at its most dramatic! The fiery skylight aptly symbolized the elemental nature of Mr. Jenks' spirit, this colleague recalls. He had the unnerving habit of diving into almost any pool of water he came across: the Amazon, the glowing blue water at the bottom of a copper mine, a black pool at the bottom of a cave, or a river in the Brazilian backwoods in the middle of the night. In the same spirit, he plunged into cultures — Chinese, Brazilian, Taiwanese, Japanese. For Mr. Jenks, one colleague recalls, there was no such thing as a boring place, or a boring per- son — he knew that if he persisted, if he went a little deeper, he would find the one thing that made that place, that person, that culture fascinating. Mr. Jenks is survived by his wife, Thelma, of Baltimore; his daughter Desiree, now an officer in the 82nd Airborne based at Fort Bragg, NC; his son Christopher, also serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg; two brothers, Mark of Kirkland, Wash., and Andrew of Cypress, Calif.; an uncle, Lawrence Hochstein of Las Vegas, Nev.; and his parents, George and Zoya Jenks of Lewisburg, Pa. Condolences may be sent via the Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home at www.mwfuneralhome.com/obituaries/ Darrell-Jenks/. In lieu of flowers, do- nations may be made to the Alvin & Lois Lapidus Cancer Institute, (c/o The Darrell Jenks Memorial), Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, 2401 W. Belvedere Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215.